GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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DECLINING ADMISSIONS TO C-DAC COURSE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government are aware about the declining admissions to post-graduate advance diploma in computer course in C-DAC;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of admissions to this course in the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): There has been a general slowdown in the IT industry in the last few years which has resulted in lesser recruitment in the IT sector. This has affected all aspects of computer education.

(c): The admissions in the last three years are as under:

(i)	2001-02	3405
(ii)	2000-01	6039
(iii)	1999-00	3055

(d): The following steps are being taken in this regard:

(i) With the merger of National Centre for Software Technology(NCST) and Electronics Research and Development Centre of India (ER&DCI) with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), the academic knowledge base of C-DAC has been further strengthened. This would result in rationalized course design, and uniform quality of delivery. These C-DAC courses will also be offered from erstwhile ER&DCI and NCST centres.

(ii) Bringing in modularity in the courses, so as to allow students to take up selected modules based on their requirements OR to complete the course curriculum in parts, instead of completing it in one go.

(iii) Strengthen the placement cell.